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#### SACRAMENTO UPDATE

### **Executive Summary**

This memorandum contains reports on the following:

- **Status of County-Sponsored Legislation** 
  - County-co-sponsored AB 1607 (Fox) related to conditional release hearings for Sexually Violent Predators, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 29, 2014.
- Status of County-Advocacy Legislation
  - County-supported AB 1637 (Frazier and Bloom) related to allowing the designation "VETERAN" to be printed on California driver's licenses or identification cards, passed the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee on April 29, 2014.
  - o County-opposed AB 2314 (Hall) related to the arming of probation officers, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 29, 2014.
  - o County-opposed AB 2373 (Hernández) related to requirements for counties to document resource availability for probation departments, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee on April 29, 2014.

 County-supported AB 2703 (Quirk-Silva) - related to State funding for county veterans service officers, passed the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee on April 29, 2014.

### Status of Legislation of County Interest

- AB 2035 (Chesbro) related to sexually exploited and trafficked minors, passed the Assembly Human Services Committee on April 29, 2014.
- o AB 2415 (Ting) related to a statewide property tax agent registration program, passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee on April 28, 2014.

### Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-co-sponsored AB 1607 (Fox), which as amended on March 24, 2014, would: 1) require a Sexually Violent Predator to list the county or counties of potential domicile when petitioning for a conditional release and state the reasons why each county was chosen; 2) require the court to notify attorneys from each county of potential domicile at least 30 calendar days prior to the conditional release hearing and allow each of the attorneys to examine appropriate witnesses and present evidence at the hearing; 3) if the petition for conditional release is granted, require the court to notify the attorneys from each county of potential domicile of the domicile hearing at least 15 calendar days prior to the hearing at which each attorney would again be allowed to examine witnesses and present evidence regarding the appropriateness of domicile in the attorney's county, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee, with amendments, by a vote of 7 to 0 on April 29, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

County-supported AB 1637 (Frazier and Bloom), which as introduced on February 11, 2014, would allow an applicant for a California driver's license or identification card to allow the person to request that the driver's license or identification card be printed with the word "VETERAN" and would require the applicant to present to the California Department of Motor Vehicles documentation attesting to their status as a veteran, passed the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee by a vote of 7 to 1 on April 29, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

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County-opposed AB 2314 (Hall), which as amended on April 23, 2014 would: 1) authorize any probation officer or deputy probation officer to carry firearms as determined by the chief probation officer on a case-by-case or unit-by-unit basis and under terms and conditions specified by the chief probation officer; 2) require certain chief probation officers to develop a written policy as to whether probation officers and deputy probation officers who supervise high-risk caseloads should be armed; 3) require the policy to be adopted no later than June 30, 2015, and be implemented no later than December 31, 2015, if the chief probation officer has not armed or has not adopted a policy regarding arming probation officers or deputy probation officers prior to January 1, 2015; and 4) define a high-risk caseload as a caseload that includes individuals who have been released from State prison subject to post-release community supervision and have a prior conviction for a serious felony or violent felony, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee by a vote of 7 to 0 on April 29, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-opposed AB 2373 (Hernández), which as amended on April 24, 2014, would require a county, or city and county, within 30 days of notification by a probation officer that staff and financial resources available are insufficient to meet his or her statutory or court ordered responsibilities, to determine if it has the resources to meet the probation officer's specified needs and to either: 1) inform the probation officer and the presiding judge that the required resources are available and to commence providing those resources; or 2) if it makes a determination that the resources are not available, to notify the probation officer and the presiding judge of such a determination, passed the Assembly Public Safety Committee with amendments, by a vote of 5 to 2 on April 29, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

County-supported AB 2703 (Quirk-Silva), which as introduced on February 21, 2014, would require the California Department of Veterans Affairs, no later than July 1, 2015, to develop an allocation formula based upon performance to encourage innovation and reward outstanding service by county veterans service officers (CVSOs) and would appropriate \$6.0 million from the State General Fund for specified disbursement to counties to fund the activities of CVSOs, passed the Assembly Veterans Affairs Committee by a vote of 9 to 0 on April 29, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

# Status of Legislation of County Interest

AB 2035 (Chesbro), which as amended on April 21, 2014, would, among other provisions: 1) provide that a minor may become a dependent child of the court if the minor is a victim of human trafficking, sexual exploitation, received food or shelter in exchange for sexual acts, and the parent or guardian failed or was unable to protect the

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child; 2) enact the State Plan to Serve and Protect Sexually Exploited and Trafficked Minors, and would require the California Health and Human Services Agency to, no later than January 30, 2015, convene an interagency workgroup to develop the plan; 3) require the plan to include, at a minimum, an evaluation of juvenile court jurisdiction pertaining to child trafficking, and the identification of training needs for child welfare staff, law enforcement, and probation staff regarding child trafficking response protocols; 4) require the workgroup to submit the plan to the Legislature, Judicial Council, and Governor no later than January 30, 2016; and 5) require training for administrators, such as group home facilities, to include instruction on cultural competency and sensitivity to provide adequate care to a sexually exploited and trafficked minor in out-of-home care.

AB 2035 passed the Assembly Human Services Committee by a vote of 4 to 0 on April 29, 2014, and now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

AB 2035 was previously a measure relating to State lands and was amended to include the above provisions which are similar to SB 738 (Yee). As previously reported, SB 738 was pulled from the Assembly Human Services Committee's agenda at the request of the author on July 2, 2013 and was a two-year bill. This office is working with the Department of Children and Family Services and County Counsel to determine any potential impact to the County of AB 2035.

AB 2415 (Ting), which as amended on April 3, 2014, would, beginning September 1, 2015, require a property tax agent to register biannually with the Secretary of State before representing a taxpayer before a county official, passed the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee by a vote of 6 to 2 on April 28, 2014. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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